

Amendments to the Specification:

The Applicant has noted the Examiner's objections to the wording of the Abstract and the content of the detailed description. A substitute specification is provided to correct the typographical errors as suggested by the Examiner. Marked-up and clean versions are provided.

With respect to the use of the term "prior art", the Applicant is not aware of any requirements in the MPEP or the related statutes or case law that mandate the use of such exact label, instead of "related art" which the Applicant finds more appropriate in this instance. The Examiner is respectfully requested to support his contention for the suggested change, or otherwise withdraw the respective objection.